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Church News

The October collections are ordered as follows: For Foreign Missions, Rev. S. H. Chester, treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., A special collection in the Sabbath-schools, on the first Sabbath, for Sabbath School Extension, R. E. Magill, treasurer, Richmond, Va., Box 883; and on the third Sabbath a collection for the Bible Cause, Wm. Foulke, treasurer, Bible House, New York.

THE THIRD SABBATH IN OCTOBER.

Our ministers and churches are respectfully reminded that this is the day appointed by the General Assembly for the annual collection in behalf of the Bible Cause. And all are urged to see that the cause is duly presented, and receives a worthy support. The demands in both the Home and Foreign Fields are very great, and the opportunities for advancing Christ's kingdom through the dissemination of his Word are more inviting than ever. Let us respond accordingly. The contributions of our churches as reported last year showed a gratifying increase; but the large majority of them still fail to give anything, and the amount at best is very small. I hope that we shall do better than ever this year. Please remit funds promptly to Mr. Wm. Foulke, treasurer, Bible House, New York.

Thos. H. Law,

Chairman Assembly's Committee.

ALABAMA.

Citronelle: Rev. J. P. McMillan has resigned the pastorate of this church to accept the call of the East Lake church,

Birmingham. The membership of the church has increased nearly ninety-five per cent. during his pastorate. The people of the entire community regret Mr. McMillan's departure.

Presbytery of Tuscaloosa: At a called meeting of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, convened in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, Tuscaloosa, September 27, 1909, the pastoral relations between Rev. John Van Lear and the First Church was dissolved, and he was dismissed at his own request to the Presbytery of Arkansas, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa in dismissing the Rev. John Van Lear to the Presbytery of Arkansas, does hereby express its high appreciation of his valuable services as a member of this body for the last eight and a half years. In entering a wider field of usefulness in another state, he is heartily commended to the confidence and esteem of the brethren, and we assure him that he takes away our cordial good wishes and prayers for his success and happiness in his new field of labor.

ARKANSAS.

Forrest City: We have a small membership, but own a church building and a manse, both of which are in good condition and fully paid for. We were much favored during the meeting by the weather. The attendance and interest were increasingly encouraging, notwithstanding that another meeting was being held just around the corner from our church, and the singing of the two meetings could be mutually heard. The two meetings, so near together and held at the same time, being such an unusual occurrence, seemed to arouse the interest of the people. We reorganized the Sunday-school; held a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing additional officers for the church; secured pledges for a pastor. Eleven children were baptized. Ten members were received, of whom nine were adults. The sum of three dollars and twenty-five cents was raised for incidental purposes and \$34.84 for Presbyterian Home Missions. A number promised to erect family altars, many pledged themselves to better lives and some reconciliations occurred. The following officers were elected, ordained and installed, viz.: Mr. Henry Evart, elder, and Mr. Wright Lewis, deacon. Two young ladies, sisters, who united with us decided to offer themselves for Foreign Mission work. The church is now well organized and ready for aggressive work. Few, if any churches of its membership, have a larger or more earnest society of Christian women. They have done a good work for the church. This field will pay a minister a salary of about \$1,000 and a manse. For additional information, address Dr. J. O. Rush, elder, here, or Rev. R. H. Latham, Walnut Ridge, Ark., chairman of our Home Mission Committee. My next appointment is with Rev. J. G. Lane, at Marianna, Ark.

Wm. H. Richardson, Evangelist.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta: Dr. Ogden, at the Central Church, has been preaching a series of sermons on "The Home" on Sunday nights. The interest in these sermons has increased to such an extent that the seating capacity of the church is taxed to accommodate the congregations.

Westminster Church: Sunday, October 3, was Rally Day in the Sunday school. The Sunday school room was handsomely decorated in golden rod and every member wore a sprig of golden rod and badge. Delightful music was prepared and rendered. There were three hundred and sixty present and many new scholars. The new International Graded Lesson Course was begun to the delight of teachers and pupils. The congregations morning and evening were large, and the pastor announced twenty-one members received since the last communion.

Atlanta, North Avenue Church: On Wednesday, September 15, Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, gave a stereopticon lecture on the work of the Home Mission Committee among the Mexicans in Texas, the Indians, the mountains, and the work in the West. Although it was a stormy night there was a good congregation out to hear Dr. Morris. The last Sabbath of September was promotion day in the Sabbath-school. Twelve were promoted from the Cradle Roll to the Beginners Department; nine from the Beginners to the Primary Department; seventeen from the Primary to the Junior; and twenty-three from the Junior to the Intermediate. The exercises were interesting and showed that good work has been done in each department. The offering for the day was for Sabbath-school work. The Christian Endeavor Society met on September 26 for the first time since the summer vacation. Some interesting papers were read and at the close the pastor spoke a few words of encouragement and commendation to the society telling of the good work done by this organization. Among other things he stated that from this society three young men are now in the ministry, one is almost ready to enter the Seminary; one young lady has gone into the Home Mission work in the west and two of the members will go to the foreign field this fall.

First Church, Savannah: Rev. W. Moore Scott, the pastor, returned to his work this past week, after a vacation of six weeks spent at Kallalanta Lodge, one mile up the mountain from Highlands, N. C., right on the water divide of the Blue Ridge and 4,175 feet above the sea level. Mr. Scott was to have returned to Savannah for the last Sabbath of September, but the sudden illness and death of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, of Trenton, Ky., the mother of Mrs. Scott, who was spending the summer with her daughter, delayed his return from the mountains and the pulpit of the First Church was filled by Dr. R. C. Reed, of Columbia.